

NYSGISA Education Committee Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2020

Attendance: Paula Lazrus (Chair), Eileen Allen Mike Jabot, Susan Hoskins, Christopher Badurek, Jonathan Little

Minutes... we started by not finding the Oct Minutes, and finding them after the meeting, please send comments/corrections to me

General Updates:

Chris filled us in on various things including that we now have an Education web page and we should start populating it. We thought we could put those interviews and perhaps podcasts there and internship information if we have any. Especially if we have opportunities within NYSGISA.

Jessica emailed to say that she already has two people who would be interested in providing such interviews about the profession.

The GeoCon will be the third week in Sept and virtual. We had a good discussion about whether it could in some way be hybrid, and Chris said that an idea had been floated to have local in person meetings and then virtual because people won't have travel money.

Susan and Eileen made suggestions about how we might split things up, and also have some social type events such as morning coffee and discussion or perhaps even lightening type talks (posters would work too), or similar end of day with cocktails. Target time for bigger talks like keynote to Lunch and or other times people might be more likely to be free.

It was also suggested that times vary for folks teaching and that perhaps a weekend day could be added to facilitate student and K-12 participation.

We also spoke about the idea that Eileen brought up about having a weekly Ask And Expert event could be part of the GeoCon or something on our webpage.

GISP Certifications: Chris mentions the Candace might want to collaborate with us to get out information about GISP certifications. Most import would be to highlight WHY someone would want one.

We also talked in general about getting professionals to talk about what they actually do with GIS in their field and what they've learned. Frank Winters was suggested.

Question: Does the association have internships? We still need an answer to this.

Teaching in the time of Covid: We thought it might be a good idea to start collecting Tips for teaching online under the current conditions. People can also highlight something that doesn't

work. We created a page in our Google Folder called Tips for teaching in the time of Covid. Please contribute to it.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Vr7kmCNNmnJuYfQzodk8W1fPCgTelZ61?usp=sharing>

Another idea: What about highlighting some student work? Maybe 1 each from K-12; Undergrad and Grad? Could do a podcast with them. Sam Wear's blog was mentioned in this regard.

Equity and Diversity: Two topics we might think about more. How can we get more people from different backgrounds involved and how to highlight their work. Everyone should consider who we know and might showcase. Paula mentioned that to get a more diverse group of people involved they need to see people like them in leadership positions or at least in visible ones.

Projects: Sharing Experiences Teaching GIS Online

We didn't get to this, yet again.....but perhaps at the next meeting we break these up and different groups can work on them and then report back to the committee.

1. How was your experience in teaching GIS online last semester?
2. What concerns do you have about teaching GIS online?
3. What 1-2 tips do you have to share with others on teaching GIS online?
4. What other thoughts do you have on the future of teaching GIS online?
5. Getting some webinars going (ask Shane Bradt, Eileen's friend and Joe K to do some short specific webinars).

We are aiming for our next meeting in January. Stay Safe everyone.